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FOR: USE OF DIALKYL CARBONATES

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RESPONSE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated January 7, 2009, reconsideration is respectfully requested in the above-identified application in view of the following **Remarks**, which begin on page 2 of this response.